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SPECIAL FREIGHT CARS TO HAUL CONSUMERS' GOODS -- Belgrade, Politika, 9 Mar 51

On 19 May 1951, special freight cars will be put in operation on four railroads to haul agricultural products and other consumers' goods to cities and large industrial centers. These cars will connect all large Yugoslav cities and will transport goods over 3,200 kilometers of railroads.

On the first run the special cars will travel about 900 kilometers, between Belgrade, Nis, and Skoplje. The longest haul will be between Belgrade and Ljubljana. This run will connect Zagreb, Vinkovci, Novi Sad, Subotica, Osijek, Krizevci, and Maribor. Sarajevo will be connected with the most important grain and vegetable centers. One run will connect Sarajevo with Vinkovci and Osijek. Another will connect Sarajevo with Capljina and other truckgarden regions of Herzegovina.

The special cars will have the advantage of being connected like passenger cars, so railroad personnel will be able to inspect all goods in them. Thus a complete train of 20 cars will be transformed into a large mobile warehouse. In addition, the new cars will not have to be detained at stations for any length of time. Goods will be transported from Belgrade to Ljubljana in 2 days instead of the 15 days which were necessary formerly.

Since the personnel on these cars will work by the brigade system and in shifts, administrative offices, beds, kitchens, and breakfast rooms will be provided.

The special freight cars will haul the products of agricultural cooperatives, farms, and crop-purchase stations, as well as private shipments which will be accepted at all stations on the four runs.

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MORE RAILROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Zagrob, Vjesnik, 2 - 3 Mar 51

Of the 15 railroads on which work will be done this year, five are in Serbia. The longest of these is the 47-kilometer Metohija-Lendavica railroad, which was begun in 1948 and is expected to be completed by the middle of 1952. The line will connect Prizren, Djakovica, and Orahovica with the Pristina-Pec line. The 38-kilometer Markovac-Despotovac line, which was begun in 1949, is scheduled to be completed by the middle of 1951. The Kijevo-Ostro-znica-Dabanovci line, which was begun in 1948, will be completed during the second half of 1952.

This year, work will be done also on the Split-Predgradje-Solin standard-gauge railroad in Croatia, as well as on the Breza-Vares, Banjaluka-Doboj, Konjic-Jablanica, Puracic-Doboj, Semizovac-Bogosic, and Lasva-Busovac lines in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Puracic-Doboj railroad will be completed this year, while the Konjic-Jablanica railroad will be completed by the middle of 1952. The Skoplje-Radusa line in Macedonia is scheduled to be completed this year.

The construction of the 30-kilometer Kulasi-Prnjavor line, which will be connected with the Banjaluka-Doboj line, is scheduled to begin soon.

TO BUILD BOSILJGRAD-SURDULICA RR -- Belgrade, Politika, 14 Mar 51

Surdulica, 13 March -- at the beginning of April, specialists from the Ministry of Railroads will arrive in Bosiljgrad Srez where they will prepare the plan for a narrow-gauge railroad, about 55 kilometers long, which is to be built between Bosiljgrad and Surdulica. The new railroad will reduce the distance between these two points, for the present Bosiljgrad-Vranjska Banja bus line is 21 kilometers longer.

The road beside which the railroad tracks are to be laid is half completed. Preparatory work on the railroad will begin this year.

About 700,000 kilograms of high-grade apples were exported from Bosiljgrad Grez this year.

V_rious types of ores have been discovered in this vicinity. Work to restore the "Blagodat" Lead and Zinc Mine was begun recently.

SKOPLJE-GOSTIVAR LINE BEING BUILT -- Belgrade, Borba, 24 Mar 51

Skoplje, 23 March -- At the beginning of March, work was started on the 70-kilometer-long standard-guage railroad track linking Skoplje, Radusa, Tetovo, and Gostivar. The 24 kilometers to Radusa were completed and placed in operation in 1950.

Between Radusa and Tetovo the track will run along the Vardar Cliffs for 8 kilometers, 567 meters of which will be through three tunnels. The tunnels are being built larger than usual because of the expected electrification of the road. The third one will be 276 meters long.

GIVES RAILROAD MILEAGE -- Trieste, Gospodarstvo, 31 Mar 51

The Belgrade-Zagreb-Ljubljana-Trieste railroad is 711 kilometers long, or 17 kilometers longer than the Belgrade-Salonika line. The Belgrade-Zagreb-Ogulin-Rijeka line is 666 kilometers long, the Belgrade-Ljubljana-Sent Peter-Rijeka line 715 kilometers long, the Belgrade-Zagreb-Split line 857 kilometers long, the Belgrade-Slavonski Brod-Sarajevo-Dubrovnik line 786 kilometers long, and the Belgrade-Novska-Sunja-Bosanski Novi-Bihac-Knin-Split line 672 kilometers long.

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TO START ON ZADAR-KNIN LINE -- Belgrade, Borba, 4 Apr 51

Split, 3 April -- Work will begin soon on a 90-kilometer-long standard-gauge railroad track between Zadar and Khin. It is expected that work will be completed by the end of November 1951.

TO PRODUCE RAILROAD CARS -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 9 Mar 51

The railroad workshops in Maribor are capable of producing freight cars, passenger cars, and motor-rail cars. Recently, the General Directorate for Railroad Workshops designated the shops in Maribor to produce all international railroad cars for Yugoslav railroads.

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